ABERDEEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER: September 2007

I begin this newsletter with a **summary report of the special meeting convened on 22 March 2007 to consider our Centenary celebrations**, when there was an encouraging attendance of 23 members. In case this sounds more like history than news, the intention is to ensure that all members are fully informed. It was, of course, a meeting which very much looks forward and further offers of assistance will be very welcome.

Display by host society at Perth Congress, 2010, (60 frames, each of 16 sheets). Members are requested to return the form below, to indicate willingness to contribute to the display (attendance not essential). As variety is the main objective, the ideal would be one frame from each of 60 members. However, to assist in planning, members are invited to offer up to a maximum of 5 frames, not necessarily all of the same subject, on the proforma below. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE SECRETARY**.

Tom Rielly Memorial Display presenter and guest speaker at Perth Congress dinner: no decision, suggestions invited.

Centenary p/c or cover and ASPS Congress handstamp: the Librarian agreed to organise.

A centennial display to the Royal Philatelic Society London: the Vice President has reported that the proposal will be discussed with the incoming President when he draws up the RPSL programme for 2010. Members are asked to indicate their willingness to contribute to the possible centennial display in London (attendance not essential). The RPSL frames hold 12 sheets and members are invited to offer to fill as many frames as they feel able, of high quality material. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE SECRETARY**.

Offer to host Philatelic Congress of GB in Aberdeen: agreed that we should indicate a preliminary interest. Expressions of willingness to assist from 6 members.

Centennial Publications: the Newsletter Editor is compiling a history of the Society. Publication of some of the researches of the late J.J. Waterman is being investigated by the Vice President. 2 other members have agreed to assist.

Centennial exhibition in Aberdeen: If we host Congress of GB, that may be a sufficient work-load. On the other hand, an exhibition to coincide with Congress of GB is an attractive, if ambitious proposition. In abeyance pending the outcome of the enquiry into Philatelic Congress of GB.

Agreed that there will be no Society centennial handstamp, cachet or lapel badge but the Librarian has agreed to investigate possibility of a publicity label. There will, of course, be a 2010 Congress handstamp designed by us.

Townhouse reception will be requested, to coincide with Congress of GB if that happens. A centennial dinner to be reconsidered only if Congress of GB is not hosted and after the response to the request for a civic reception is known.

Two sub-committees appointed to progress matters: ASPS Congress – 3 members; Steering Group on other centennial matters – 5 members.

Your Newsletter Editor seeks your help in connection with **the centennial history** of the Society. A list of publications by members will be included as an appendix. Please let me have the full reference to any significant contribution to the literature of philately, not only by yourself but by any other member in the past. I have a preliminary list of 35 titles but I am sure that there are many omissions. Also, have you, or any other member known to you, contributed in any way whatsoever to any of the journals of the specialist societies and study circles? If so, may I have the name of the journal? Do you have anything which might be used for

illustration? Photographs of past events, of course, but also other artefacts such as dinner menus, tickets for events, exchange packet booklets, certificates, headed notepaper, newspaper cuttings, anything which has a connection with the Society. I have a Club booklet cover with the title "BON-ACCORD STAMP CLUB". Can anyone tell me anything about this Club?

In 1923, the Junior members of the Society were asked the following **question**: on what stamp does the representation of an Aberdeen steamer appear? Can anyone tell me the answer?

Report of a meeting of the Committee on 10 May 2007. In response to the suggestion that the constitution be changed to include the Packet Secretary and Auction Secretary on the Committee, it was recognised that they can be invited to attend, if there were relevant items on the agenda. It was agreed that the Jupp Quaich be engraved every two years, not every year, and that the website details should appear on the syllabus. On the suggestion raised at the AGM that the venue for meetings be changed, it was decided that meetings remain at Rubislaw Church Centre for 2007-08, with the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and one ordinary Committee Member make enquiries about all aspects of the suggested alternative venue, including lighting, storage facilities, floor area, parking facilities, bus services, etc., modelled on the report compiled prior to the last change of venue. It was recognised that concern had already been expressed about a non-central location. The Committee noted the decision of the AGM to raise the annual subscription to £10, and to £5 for Country Members, due principally to the cost of the room hire outstripping subscription income. A voluntary levy of £1 per annum over the next three years towards the additional costs of the centenary year was agreed, with other donations welcome. Raffles will be organised at meetings, with all proceeds towards centennial expenses. Donations of prizes are invited.

The **opening night** of the season, on 20 September, will be an informal bring-and-buy sale as usual, with a silent display.

Report of a meeting of **the Council of the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies** in Perth on 20 April 2007 (41 societies are currently members). This year, 54 dealers were present at Congress. Members of affiliated societies (that's us) are invited to suggest improvements in the organisation of Congress. Articles/ contributions are solicited for *Scottish Philately*. The retiring National Exhibition Secretary reported that the number of entries received over the past five years was: 11, 24, 13, 12 and 14, with the general and postal history classes attracting most entries; only one entry in the GB traditional class, two in social philately, whilst the thematic class attracted no new entrants. A seminar for would-be exhibitors will be held at SCOTEX in Perth on 20 October, to encourage participation in the National Competition. The Open Competition attracted six entries this year, the winner being a display of Ships Around the World. Congress 2008 will be hosted by the Ayrshire PS. A postal history of Ayrshire will be published.

The Forgery Curator recognises that members are no longer inclined to donate forgeries to the Society's forgery collection, as was once the tradition. He asks members to scan any forgeries which they may have, or to arrange to have then scanned, alongside a genuine stamp and with a note of the identifying features of the forgery, so that the Society's reference collection may continue to expand. **The Librarian** gratefully acknowledges the donation of: *The Postal Markings of the Gambia 1858 to 2000*, West African SC, 2005.

The Society welcomes a new member who collects the British Commonwealth. We wish him an enjoyable and fruitful association with the Society. **The Treasurer wishes to thank** the past Auction Secretary for his work with the postal auction which has produced much needed funds over the years, Similarly, the Packet Secretary for his continuing work with the room packet.

Late News! The late J.J. Waterman's postal history will be offered at auction by Warwick & Warwick on Wed. 5 September. For further information phone the firm at 01926 499031 or email ian.hunter@warwickandwarwick.com.

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